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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: HETEROCYCLIC PPAR MODULATORS	
Docket No: X-15463	

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Rejection dated March 29, 2007, having a shortened statutory period wherein the response is due within one month from March 29, 2007, Applicants provide amendments to the claims to correct an administrative error, and an election of species for searching purposes. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that a bona fide attempt to provide a fully responsive reply was indeed intended. The present response corrects errors to the claims, as further discussed in the Remarks section. Applicants believe that the confirmation of election of Group III and the compound of Example 136 is now proper, in light of the corrections to the amendments.

Applicants note that a one month extension of time pursuant to 35 USC 136 is required. The request for extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-39, 41-54, 56-59, and 63-65 are currently pending in the application and are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The application is subject to a restriction requirement comprising 26 groups. Applicants elect, with traverse, the compounds of Group III. That is, Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-39, and 41-54 (in part) drawn to products of formula I' wherein R2 is a C0-C6 alkyl, X is a single bond, U is an aliphatic linker, Z1 is N, Z2 is N, and Z3 is C.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to claim non-elected or withdrawn subject matter.

Applicants provide herein a preliminary amendment to Claim 1 with current listing of the claims and remarks to support the traversal of the present restriction grouping.

The amendments to the Claims begin on page 3. A complete listing of the current claims is included and shall replace all previous versions of the claims. Entry of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

The remarks and arguments supporting traversal of the present Grouping begin on page 16. Applicants request entry of the amendments to the Claims and reconsideration regarding the present restriction requirement.

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.